

# Haiti

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**COUNTRY:**

Haiti

**USAID FUNDING PERIOD:**

January 2001-October 2001

**PROJECT:**

Children and Families Affected by HIV/AIDS

**USAID AMOUNT:**

\$200,000

**IMPLEMENTING ORGANIZATIONS:**

CARE/Haiti; Family Health International/IMPACT; Catholic Relief Services

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**PURPOSE**

The project helps communities understand the economic and psychosocial problems of orphans and other vulnerable children, and to implement sustainable responses. The project is being initiated in Abricots, Bonbon, Roseaux, Carrefour Charles, Carrefour Sanon, MacKendal, and Ste. Helene. The project builds on the existing work of CARE/Haiti and its partners and was designed in collaboration with the Ministries of Public Health and Social Affairs. CARE/Haiti links with existing microcredit and microfinance groups to expand access to these services. CARE assists with improving access to education for orphans and vulnerable children and expands current prevention activities to address the specific HIV prevention needs of orphans and vulnerable children. Project objectives include:

- Strengthening the capacity of families to take charge of children in difficult situations;
- Strengthening community capacity to support HIV-affected families and children;
- Strengthening the capacity of children to prepare for their future in the context of fragile families;
- Reinforcing opportunities for HIV-affected families and orphans and vulnerable children to maintain quality of life; and
- Strengthening and building the capacity of community-based initiatives.

**KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

- A situation analysis on orphans and vulnerable children was completed in June 2000; and
- Support groups were established in project areas.

**PRIORITY ACTIVITIES, 2001-2002**

- Train community-based support groups;
- Implement income generating activities for families and children affected by HIV/AIDS; and
- Follow up with people trained as counselors.

**PROJECT MATERIALS AND TOOLS**

- Report on the situation of orphans and other vulnerable children in Haiti.

**TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE**

The project can provide expertise for other projects to address the needs of orphans and vulnerable children in the following areas:

- Conducting a situation analysis;
- Developing training materials;
- Developing education materials; and
- Undertaking community mobilization.

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